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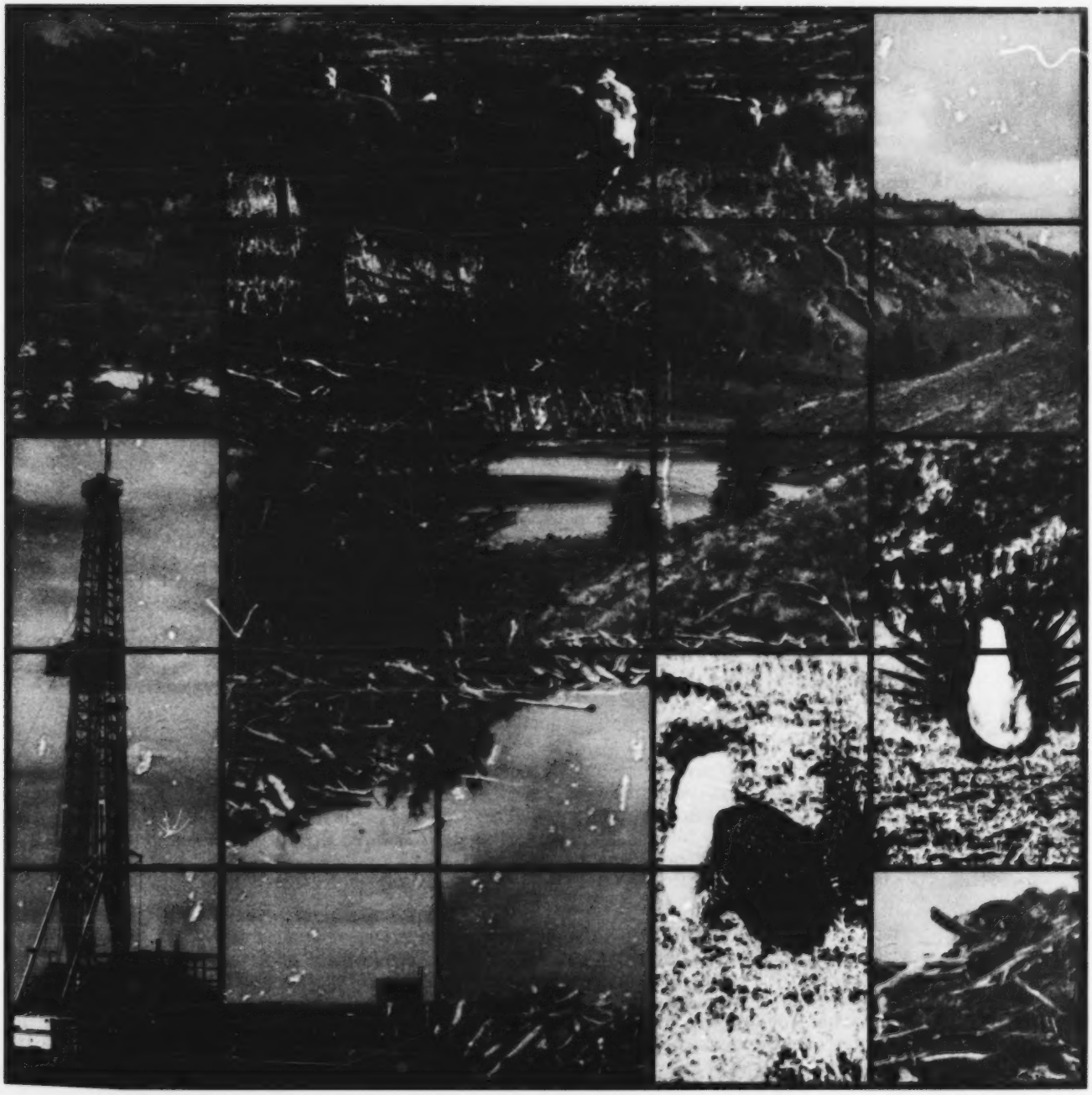

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Dear Reader:

We wish to inform you of the changes that have occurred in the range management program in the Newcastle Resource Area. There are several items identified in the Range Program Summary (RPS) (1984) requiring attention at this time. Following is a discussion of those items.

Grazing Management Plans — The original RPS estimated that 20 to 30 formal grazing management plans would be completed in ten years. Since then, two management plans have been completed and three more plans will be completed by the end of 1990. The following (two existing and three proposed) allotment management plans (AMPs) have been transferred from the maintain ("M") category to the improve ("I") category:

Proposed AMPs		Completed AMPs	
Allotment Number	Operator	Allotment Number	Operator
04207	Walt Busenitz	** 04319	J.O. McDonald
** 04039	F.A. Bush	04360	Battle Creek Ranch
** 04387	F.A. Bush		

** prickly pear problem

Allotment Categorization — The original RPS did not identify any "I" category allotments. However, after further investigations of some of the "M" category allotments, we found prickly pear problems in three of the allotments. The Soil Conservation Service (SCS) has taken the lead in writing ranch management plans on the grazing allotments mentioned above. These allotments have been moved to an "I" category because of the opportunities identified for rangeland improvement (as stated in the original RPS). There has also been a shift of nine "M" category allotments to the custodial ("C") category. These allotments are:

Allotment Number	Operator	Allotment Number	Operator
14027	Boner Trust, Wyoming	04225	D & W Livestock
04028	Edgar and James Boner	04402	Clyde Peterson
04029	Boner Ranch	04326	Steve Peterson
04061	James Daley	04182	Schultz Corporation
04369	Bob Wright		
04370	Bob Wright		

The above shifts from "M" to "C" categories have been made because of the scattered and isolated public land pattern contained within these allotments, making them extremely difficult to manage. Also, two larger ranches split into four smaller ranches with smaller acreages of public land. With these changes in allotment categories, there is a total of five "I"s, 61 "M"s, and 324 "C" category allotments. Cooperative management agreements (CMAs) with the ranchers were discontinued because of Bureau policy change.

TABLE 1

BLM ALLOTMENTS MONITORED AS OF DECEMBER 1988

Allotment Number	Allotment Name	Allotment Category	BLM AUMs	BLM Acres
04000	Ackerman, Dixie B.	M	394	2,772
14011	Baldwin, Donald	M	590	3,584
14012	Ballard, D.W. & Sons	M	908	4,552
04360	Battle Creek Ranch	I	437	4,737
04328	Bruegger, Shannon B.	M	777	5,236
04207	Busenitz, Mark E.	I	360	3,100
04039	Bush, F.A., Inc.	I	862	5,323
04387	Bush, F.A., Inc.	I	541	4,501
04042	Bush, Richard D.	M	642	4,172
04051	Christensen, Chris R.	M	354	2,491
04052	Christensen, Chris R.	M	91	600
04062	Darrow, Gerald	M	148	1,480
04063	Darrow, Gerald	M	300	2,092
04073	Dixon, Clayton	M	436	2,499
04074	Dixon, Helen B.	M	619	3,355
04077	Dorsett, Frank	M	138	1,286
04041	Federal Land Bank	M	428	3,414
04090	Foster, Mrs.Carrie	M	176	1,400
04118	Hammell, Sylvia	M	104	521
04135	HKC Ranch, Inc.	M	99	1,000
04148	J and J, Inc.	M	220	1,320
04268	Jackson, Kathleen	M	306	1,480
04157	Joss Ranches, Inc.	M	1,309	8,476
04356	Kruse, William, Trust	M	507	2,792
04333	M & B Ranch	M	218	1,000
04396	McGuire, Wylie G.	M	660	4,793
04319	McDonald, James D.	I	187	1,026
04200	Middleton, Mrs. Marie	M	135	1,076
04175	Middleton, Benny R.	M	292	2,189
04208	Moore, Charles M.	M	61	364
04210	Moore, Charles M., Tom	M	225	1,637
04399	Nicholas, Hoyt E.	M	181	1,761
04228	Ondriezek, Joseph, Jr.	M	200	1,318
04244	Pierce, Verle	M	182	1,476
04254	Putnam, Lloyd	M	178	1,440
04040	Riesland Wilk	M	724	5,328
04280	Rocky Point Grazing	M	2,590	7,628
04243	Schlosser, Jim C.	M	816	4,375
04170	Schlosser, Jim C.	M	381	2,320
04209	Scoggin Ranch	M	197	1,380
04293	Sears, Jean	M	430	2,134
04330	Shultz Corporation	M	300	1,401
04302	Slagle, Earl A.	M	229	1,106
04303	Slagle, Earl A.	M	520	2,360
04294	Slagle, Earl A., Jr.	M	266	1,120
04378	Slattery, James R.	M	148	720
04247	Stoddard Ranches, Inc.	M	517	3,149
04249	Stoddard Ranches, Inc.	M	117	640
04288	Stoddard Ranches, Inc.	M	949	5,075
04289	Stoddard Ranches, Inc.	M	254	1,226
04084	Stoddard Ranches, Inc.	M	214	1,606
04043	Stoddard, Robert L.	M	576	2,826
04044	Stoddard, Robert L.	M	44	280
04357	Todd Ranch, Inc.	M	150	560
04337	True Ranches	M	879	7,060
04374	Zerbst, William R.	M	615	4,216

TABLE 1 (Continued)

BLM ALLOTMENTS MONITORED AS OF DECEMBER 1988

Allotment Number	Allotment Name	Allotment Category	BLM AUMs	BLM Acres
04029	Boner Ranch	C	487	2,834
14027	Boner Trust Wyoming	C	440	2,318
04028	Boner, Edgar	C	98	400
04225	D&W Livestock, Inc.	C	623	2,468
04061	Daly, James et al.	C	600	3,779
04369	Wright, Robert L.	C	126	840
04370	Wright, Robert L.	C	166	4,216
04402	Peterson, Clyde	C	86	687
04236	Peterson, Stephen L.	C	144	720
* 14009	Baker, Paul L.	M	215	1,360
* 14019	Baker, Paul L.	M	108	441
* 04281	Porter, Fern	M	142	760
* 04258	Quest, Herbert	M	384	1,363
* 04278	Robison, James	M	87	574
* 04088	Shaffer, Estol	M	134	545
* 04119	Simon, Mickey	M	159	840
* 04409	Simon, Mickey	M	214	1,228
* 04806	Stoddard, Robert L.	M	345	2,066
* 04087	Stoddard, Robert L.	M	1,673	10,401

* Will be monitored in 1989.

TABLE 2

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS BY FISCAL YEAR

Project Type	Projects Completed					Projects to be Completed			
	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
Fences (miles)		.5	2.0	1.0	1.8			12.0	8.0
Reservoirs (each)				5	2	9	11	9	
Pipelines (miles)		.5		.5		.25	1		
Wells (each)						2			
Springs (each)								1	
Livestock tanks						1			

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Monitoring — The original RPS stated that low to moderate intensity monitoring studies will be established on 25 allotments within the next 10 years. However, because of policy change, all "I" and "M" category allotments will be monitored by the end of FY 1989. Because of the above category change, there is a total of 61 "M" category allotments of which all but 10 have monitoring studies (see Table 1). All of the "M" category allot.nents will be monitored by the end of 1989.

All of the five new "I" category allotments have been monitored. The monitoring levels have been defined in the Newcastle Resource Area Monitoring Plan which is available at the Newcastle Resource Area Office.

Grazing Leases and Transfers — We will continue issuing grazing leases at the existing levels as stated in the original RPS. However, because of a priority placed on disposal of small isolated public tracts, emphasis on the issuance of 10 year grazing leases will be on the larger blocked land areas only.

The estimated number of 20 grazing lease transfers in the original RPS has more than doubled in 1988 to a total of 44 transfers.

Agreement and Decisions — At the present we now have two signed agreements with two different ranchers. These agreements are managment plans agreed upon by the ranchers, the BLM, and the SCS. The information available to us would not indicate to us that changes in grazing management would be necessary on any "I" or "M" category allotments at this time.

Range Improvement — The schedule of range improvements as shown in the original RPS has been changed to reflect a more aggresive schedule. Range improvements completed since 1984 and future projects to be completed through fiscal year 1992 are listed in Table 2.

The construction of range improvements on public lands are being done through a cooperative effort between the BLM, the SCS, and the livestock operator. BLM normally provides a portion of the costs while the SCS provides some of the project planning. The ranchers often provide their own labor to construct projects, such as fences and pipelines.

If you wish to request any additional details on the above items, you may contact the Newcastle Resource Area Office at (307) 746-4453.

Sincerely,

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